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Attorney General John Ashcroft
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write you today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept its own Microsoft antitrust settlement. It is unbelievable to me that the government has kept this lawsuit going for over three years. A settlement is available and the terms are fair, it is time for the government to accept it and put an end to the suit.

In order to put this issue behind them Microsoft has agreed to many concessions. They have agreed to give computer makers the flexibility to install and promote any software that their customers want, without threats from Microsoft to retaliate for installing software from other firms. Also, Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows to be compatible to non-Microsoft software. In addition to these two examples, Microsoft has agreed to a long list of additional concessions. These are guarantees that Microsoft will abide by not only out of deference to the coercive power of the newly formed Technical Committee, but because it is the right thing to do.

The terms are fair. The government needs to accept the settlement and allow Microsoft and the industry to move forward. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,

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